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Road (Salaigramam to Serugani)

* 655 *Q.*—SRI C. SHINIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to improve the existing new road from Salaigramam in Paramakudi taluk in Ramanathapuram district to Serugani near Devakottai (Ramanathapuram district); and

(*b*) if not, whether steps will be taken to expedite the construction of the road?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : (*a*) No.

(*b*) The Government got prepared by the Chief Engineer (Highways and Rural Works) a list of works under the Security Measure Scheme in Ramanathapuram District at a cost of Rs. 4·40 crores. Among the works recommended by the Chief Engineer, the work of metalling the road from Salaigramam to Serugani *via* Surnam and Valani including construction of culverts wherever necessary for a length of 16 miles, was included. The Government of India were addressed for financial assistance to an extent of Rs. 2 crores for taking up any or all the works recommended by the Chief Engineer. The Government of India have regretted their inability to provide any financial assistance in the matter. The work referred to cannot, therefore, be taken under the Security Measure Scheme. The road in question vests in the Elayangudi and Devakottai Panchayat Unions. As the District Development Council, East Ramanathapuram has already selected new works on "Other Roads" for Third Plan for that Development District, it is not possible to consider the work during the Third Plan.

Madras City Roads

* 656 *Q.*—SRI A. ARUMUGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to take over all the roads from the Corporation of Madras; and

(*b*) if so, the details thereof?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : (*a*) & (*b*) The Government have taken over the three National Highways, *viz.*, Mount Road, Poonamallee High Road, the Great Northern Trunk Road and the portions of Madras Ennore Road and the New Avadi Road lying within the City limits.

திரு. கே. ஏ. மதியழகன் : இந்த நெடுஞ்சாலைகளின் கீழ் சென்னை மாநகராட்சியின் டிரெயினேஜ் ஸிஸ்டம், மற்றும் குடி தண்ணீர்க் குழாய்கள் இருக்கிற காரணத்தால், இந்த மாநகராட்சி மன்றத்திலே அவைகள் இருந்தால் தான் சௌகரியமாக இருக்கு மென்று மாநகராட்சி மன்றம் முறையீடு செய்ததா? அவற்றைத் திருப்பிக் கொடுப்பதைப்பற்றி அரசாங்கம் யோசிக்குமா?